



Automatic IFTA Renewal

No Filing, No Waiting, No Kidding!

MoDOT will automatically renew 2008 fuel licenses and decals. Carriers won't have to file a request for 2008 International Fuel Tax Agreement renewal if their account and quarterly filings are up-to-date. MoDOT will mail IFTA licenses and decals directly to businesses in mid-November.

Using information from 2007 IFTA requests, MoDOT will create fuel licenses and determine the number of decals to send. If a carrier's situation changed and they receive too many decals, they can return the extras. Too few? Order more online or by mail.

MoDOT will not send a license or decals to carriers who owe a payment or are late with paperwork.

What brought about this change? MoDOT asked a simple question—why, when most carriers IFTA information is unchanged, do they need to fill out the same form every year? In the spirit of innovation, we decided it wasn't necessary and set about to simplify the process.

If your IFTA license and decals do not arrive by December 7, please call MoDOT toll free at 1-866-831-6277 and select option 2 to reach the IFTA team.

Cab Cards? No Charge

As of September 17, 2007, MoDOT no longer charges a fee for International Registration Plan cab cards.

Until the change, a \$2 fee covered the cost of issuing original or replacement cab cards. Because nearly all of the credentials are delivered electronically, MoDOT's cost to provide the service fell considerably. Electronic delivery also allows

carriers to save the e-mailed copies of the cards to their own computer files, reducing the number of replacements needed.

I wish I could see the faces of Missouri's motor carriers when they learn about this, said Julie Backues, supervisor of MoDOT Motor Carrier Services IRP agents. It's startling when a state agency eliminates a fee—a happy surprise.

New Vehicle Route Maps Available

Changes mandated by new commercial zone laws are reflected in the 2007-2008 Missouri Vehicle Route Map. All MoDOT escrow account holders will receive a paper copy in the mail.

To request a map, send an e-mail to: contact-MCS@modot.gov or call toll-free, 1-866-831-6277. An electronic copy of the map is available on MoDOT's Web site: www.modot.org/mcs/forms_manuals.htm.

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Rethinking Our Work Means Good News for Carriers

Can you believe the good news about 2008 IFTA fuel license and decal renewals?

See the front page for details about how MoDOT will send these items automatically to carriers who are up-to-date on fees and filing. This project started when someone asked why, when most carriers report the same information year to year, we ask them to send in a renewal form. Good question – and within weeks we had a great answer with benefits for Missouri carriers, MoDOT and our agents.

The same kind of thinking sparked our decision to discontinue the \$2 IRP cab card fee. A state agency eliminated a fee? That's almost unheard of!

Because the MoDOT Carrier Express system reduced the costs to produce cab cards, starting September 17, we

stopped charging for them. So not only does MoDOT Carrier Express save time and money when carriers register and file online, it helps MoDOT cut costs – and those savings go right back to you.

I can't close this letter until I mention that the Unified Carrier Registration is in effect. This program replaces Single State and includes private as well as for-hire carriers. Though MoDOT cannot administer the program in 2007, you can find answers to many questions in this newsletter and on our Web site, www.modot.org/mcs. Be sure to register for UCR by November if you operate interstate!



Motor Carrier Services Director

Legislative Roundup for Missouri Motor Carriers

Overweight/Overdimension (effective August 28, 2007):
Saddlemount Combination Length Saddlemount combinations of 97 feet are allowed in Missouri. The previous limit was 75 feet.

Legal Width Loads up to 8'6" wide can travel statewide without an Overdimension permit.

Overweight/Overdimension Commercial Zones *Kansas City Area*

A new OD/OW commercial zone extends from Kansas City along Route 210 and forms a triangle, heading west on Route 10 to Excelsior Springs.

St. Louis, Jefferson and Ste. Genevieve Counties

A new OD/OW commercial zone runs south from St. Louis County on U.S. 61 to the junction of Route 00 in Ste. Genevieve County. The zone includes Route 61 only.

St. Louis and St. Charles Counties

The commercial zone expanded to 25 miles around the City of St. Louis and now includes all of St. Charles County.

The 2007-2008 Missouri Vehicle Route Map reflects these changes. Write to ContactMCS@modot.mo.gov for a copy.

Household Goods Carriers:

Household goods carriers who operate wholly within a Missouri commercial zone or municipality must obtain state operating authority to continue to provide moving services in 2008. The carriers must also file and publish their rates and charges.

What Didn't Pass:

Idle Reduction Technology A fuel saving proposal would have allowed a 400 lb. exemption to tractors that have a power unit, separate from the engine, to run the heater conditioning when a tractor is at rest.

Unified Carrier Registration:

A federally-required program that requires the participation of interstate private and for-hire carriers, brokers, freight forwarders and leasing companies. This will be one of MoDOT's 2008 Legislative priorities.

Correction: Fuel Receipts

The last issue of News on Wheels incorrectly stated that fuel receipts should state the time of purchase. What is required are the date, fuel type and number of gallons.

Missouri Hot to Spot Bad Brakes

Goldilocks might find a career in brake testing. Because brake assemblies that are too hot or too cold indicate a potential problem, she would be able to spot failures before they occur.

That's the idea behind MoDOT's purchase of thermal imaging brake testers. When aiming an imager at a set of wheels, an investigator sees areas that are significantly warmer or cooler than their surroundings. It's quick, non-invasive and can detect problems before they become evident to drivers and mechanics.

With this tool, we can quickly decide which trucks need a more thorough brake check. At the same time, we're able to send equipment with normal heat signatures down the road a bit more quickly. That will save them time and money," said Mark Biesemeyer of MoDOT Motor Carrier Services.

MoDOT managers are impressed with the imagers. So much so, they plan to ask MCS to use the cameras to check the many dump trucks the department uses to haul materials and plow snow.



As Mark Brooks holds the thermal imager, Sandy Thomas interprets heat pictures of a dump truck wheel and brake assembly during recent Motor Carrier Services investigator training.

Good brakes are vital for the safety of MoDOT employees and everyone who shares our highways," said Don Hillis, MoDOT Systems Management director. "This tool will help us keep our fleet in good repair."

Renewal Checklist

When renewing your credentials, please be sure to have the following

■ Actual Mileage (7/1/06 thru 6/30/07)

A list of all **actual** miles you've run in each jurisdiction for the reporting period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

■ Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax

A copy of the 2007-2008 Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax receipt (IRS- Form 2290) for all owned and leased vehicles licensed for 55,000 lbs. or more.

■ Personal Property Tax Receipt or Waiver

A copy of the 2006 personal property tax receipt and/or waiver for all owned and leased vehicles. If vehicles are not individually addressed on the receipt, you must submit a copy of your 2006 assessment form.

■ US DOT#

If you have not updated your USDOT number with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration within the last two years, obtain and complete an MCS-150 form.

■ Titles and/or Leases

Copies of new titles and/or leases will be required if there are any changes of ownership or any updates to a vehicle.



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MoDOT Motor Carrier Services

1-888 ASK MODOT
(888-275-6636)

MoDOT Customer Service

1-800-525-5555
*55 from mobile phone

Mo. State Highway Patrol

1-800-222-6400

MSHP 24-hour road conditions recording

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Missouri Announces Shared Four-Lane Concept



Soon, signs like these will inform travelers of passing opportunities on Route 5 in Camden and Laclede Counties.

You've been there. Stuck behind a slow vehicle on a two-lane highway. Your choices: stay with the slowpoke or wait for a passing zone and hope for no oncoming traffic.

MoDOT plans to build a safer alternative for Route 5 in Camden and Laclede Counties by mid-2010. The concept is called a shared four-lane design. A shared four-lane highway consists of passing lanes along a conventional two-lane highway. The passing lane alternates between both sides of the highway to give drivers periodic opportunities to pass. By adding one lane to two, motorists get the benefits of four lanes.

Although MoDOT has used similar applications in limited fashion before, this project's continuous nature will make it one of the first of its type in the U.S. These facilities are very common, and have been very successful, in Europe.

The additional passing lane eliminates the need for a driver to cross into the opposing lane of traffic to pass another vehicle. Rumble stripes between opposing lanes encourage drivers to remain safely in their lanes.

A shared four-lane is an effective alternative for higher-volume, two-lane roads, but at a much lower cost than a typical four-lane highway - as much as 75 percent less. While it can be built on a new alignment, it can also be applied to existing highways, making use of the existing roadbed to minimize the need for new right of way and extensive construction.

For more information on

**Shared
Four-Lanes**



contact MoDOT at

888-ASK-MODOT
(275-6636)



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☐ **Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax**

Heavy Vehicle Use Tax receipt (IRS- Form 2290) for all owned and leased vehicles 55,000 lbs. or more.

☐ **Personal Property Tax Receipt or Waiver**

For the previous year on all owned and leased vehicles.

☐ **OUS DOT#**

If you have not updated your US DOT number with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration within the last two years, obtain an MCS-150 form.

☐ **Titles and/or Leases** if there are ownership changes.

Commercial Zone, Municipal Household Goods Movers Must Register

Any company that hauls household goods within Missouri cities or commercial zones exclusively must obtain state operating authority to continue to provide moving services in 2008. The carriers must also file and publish their rates and charges, a change that should provide better consumer protection.

MoDOT Motor Carrier Services handles the application process. Call toll-free at 1-866-831-6277, dial (573) 751-3358 or visit www.modot.org/mcs for more information.

MoDOT Director Praises Governor For Special Session Addressing Bridge Improvements

Missouri Department of Transportation Director Pete Rahn thanked Gov. Blunt for including MoDOT's Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement program in this summer's special legislative session. Blunt signed legislation that changed state financial bonding laws so MoDOT can contract out a bridge repair and maintenance program. I thank Gov. Blunt for his leadership on this issue," Rahn said. Bridge improvements are clearly a critical need for Missouri, so we're eager to get started on this ambitious program as soon as possible. The Safe & Sound program will repair or replace 800 of the state's most worn-out bridges by 2012. In addition to bringing all those bridges up to good condition, the contract will require them to be maintained in good condition for at least an additional 25 years. If the needed legislative change is approved, MoDOT anticipates work will begin in the spring.



MoDOT bridge inspectors check one of more than 10,000 Missouri bridges. The Snoop truck bucket gives workers a safe perch from which to examine structures.

Safe & Sound Facts

- The program will replace or rehabilitate more than 800 of MoDOT's most worn-out bridges. A single team of contractors will be selected to perform the work. A large number of local subcontractors will be needed with project sites spread all over the state.
- The team will bring all the bridges up to good condition by the end of 2012 and will maintain them in good condition for at least 25 years.
- The use of one team to design and build the entire project is particularly effective on large, complicated projects that offer significant opportunities for innovation in order to save money and speed completion. MoDOT has legal authority to initiate three Design-Build projects. I-64 in St. Louis and the KCIICON (Paseo Bridge) in Kansas City are the others.
- Two teams are under consideration: Missouri Bridge Partners and Team United. Both have significant national and international experience with similar types of projects.
- Cost is estimated at \$400 million to \$600 million, with MoDOT making no payments until after initial construction period is complete.
- There is at least one bridge in every Missouri county. The complete list of projects can be found on the MoDOT Web site www.modot.org/safe-and-sound
- There are 10,240 bridges on Missouri state highway system – the 7th largest total nationwide.
- 1,093 of them are in poor/serious condition. The Safe & Sound Initiative will address most of these bridges.



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Uniform Carrier Registration Rule Published

MoDOT Cannot Participate in 2007

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration published the final rule for the Uniform Carrier Registration

program on Friday, August 24, 2007. The program's fee schedule was included in the final rule.

Bracket	Number of CMVs owned or operated by exempt or non-exempt motor carrier, motor private carrier or freight forwarder	Fee per company for exempt or non-exempt motor carrier, motor private carrier or freight forwarder	Fee per company for broker or leasing company
B1	0-2	\$39	\$39
B2	3-5	\$116	
B3	6-20	\$231	
B4	21-100	\$806	
B5	101-1,000	\$3,840	
B6	1,001 and more	\$37,500	

What is UCR? The Unified Carrier Registration Agreement was enacted by Congress and is administered by participating states. Companies subject to this program must pay fees to travel into other states.

Who Is Subject to UCR? Any motor carrier that operates in interstate or international commerce is subject to UCR. Included are many businesses that were not subject to the old Single State Registration System—private carriers, exempt carriers, regulated carriers that did not travel into SSRS states, brokers, freight forwarders and leasing companies. Carriers based in Canada and Mexico that operate in the United States are subject to UCR.

What will the UCR program cost? The program's fees are based on the number of commercial motor vehicles owned or operated by your company (trailers are also counted as a commercial motor vehicle). Brokers, leasing companies and freight forwarders pay a flat \$39 fee.

But Missouri didn't adopt UCR. Where does that leave Show-Me State carriers, brokers and freight forwarders?

The 2007 Missouri Legislature did not pass the law that would allow MoDOT to enroll Missouri-based companies. Private and for-hire interstate carriers, brokers, leasing companies and freight forwarders in this state must participate by registering in another, participating state.

So where can Missouri-based carriers, brokers, leasing companies and freight forwarders register? Carriers with

Internet access and a credit card or e-check can register for UCR by visiting www.UCR.in.gov. Have your USDOT number handy and be sure you have determined your base state before beginning the registration process.

How do I select my base state? If you have an office or operating facility located in: AL, AR, CO, CT, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, ME, MI, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, OH, OK, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA or WV use that state, or one of the states listed, as your base state.

- You may choose Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kentucky or Tennessee if and only if your principal place of business is geographically close to that state; OR

- Choose one of the following: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska or Ohio.

How do I count the number of commercial motor vehicles to report? Use the number of commercial motor vehicles listed on the last MCS-150 form you submitted for your USDOT number or list the number of commercial motor vehicles you owned or operated on June 30, 2006 on the UCR 2007 form.

What is the filing and payment deadline? States will enforce payment of the fees November 15, 2007.

Will I need to carry a credential or something in the truck? No. You are not required to carry any proof of compliance in the vehicle. You can carry the receipt for payment of the fees if you choose.

MO Traffic Fatality Reduction Nation's Best

In 2006, Missouri's traffic-related fatality rate improved by 161 lives.

Nicole Nason, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said Missouri leads the nation in the number of lives saved. In 2005, 1,257 people lost their lives in Missouri traffic crashes; in 2006 that number was down to 1,096, a 13 percent reduction.

Several years ago, safety advocates in Missouri banded together to attack the problem of traffic crashes and deaths. We are thrilled to know our work is saving lives, said Leanna Depue, executive director of the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety.

The safety of motorists on Missouri's highways is MoDOT's top priority, said Pete Rahn, director of the Missouri Department of Transportation. We will continue to look for innovative ways to make our roads safer.

A large part of the reduction is attributed to engineering advances such as the installation of median guard cable on the interstates, rumble stripes, smoother pavement, better and brighter signing, striping and reflective markings to help keep drivers on the road. Law enforcement and educational efforts reinforce drivers' safe behavior.

I am proud of all our troopers who work every day to encourage safe driving and reduce traffic fatalities," said Colonel James F. Keathley, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. This work continues to pay off. The number of traffic fatalities continues to fall in 2007."

The Coalition, a group of government, private and non-profit advocates, continues to work toward the passage of a primary seat belt law in Missouri, which would save an additional 90 lives each year.

For more information or to learn how your company can join the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, visit www.saveMOLives.com.

Sidenote:

Commercial Vehicle Crash Rates Also Down

In 2006, the number of fatal commercial motor vehicle crashes in Missouri fell by 13 percent to 133. The number of CMV-involved injury crashes decreased by 12 percent from the 2005 total.

Datelines

October 2

4th quarter IRP renewal filing due to avoid late penalty and to be able to obtain temporary vehicle registration in 2007

October 8

Columbus Day – MCS open, most MoDOT offices closed

November 1

Applications for 2008 Blanket OD/OW permits accepted

November 12

Veterans' Day (observed) – MCS open. Most other MoDOT business offices closed

November 15

2008 IFTA fuel tax licenses and decals automatically mailed to carriers whose accounts are up-to-date

November 17

MCS mails IRP renewal packets to carriers that have a March 31 license plate expiration date

November 23

Thanksgiving Day - All MoDOT business offices closed

December 1

4th quarter IRP renewal payment is due to avoid late pay penalty and to be able to obtain temporary vehicle registration in 2008

December 25

Christmas Day - All MoDOT business offices closed

News on Wheels

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Apply for OD/OW Blanket Permits Online

Do you plan to apply for a blanket permit for 2008? If so, we have good news that can save you time and money.

Applications for blanket permits can now be submitted online. In most cases, you'll receive a permit within minutes by e-mail or fax. You won't need to pay for postage and wait for delivery to your mailbox.

Visit our Web site - www.modot.org/mcs to begin your request. Find Electronic Filings on the left side and click

on Overdimension/Overweight Permits. The OD/OW page provides instructions and a link to the ordering system. Use the customer ID and password Motor Carrier Services mailed to you to login. If you need help with customer ID and password questions or any other permitting issue, please call us toll-free at 1-800-877-8499 or 1-866-831-6277.

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